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TAGS: AORG, EAID, UN, US, OTRA (WHITE, WILLIAM T.)

SUBJECT: U.S. INITIATIVE TO MERGE INTERNATIONAL SECRETARIAT FOR  
VOLUNTEER SERVICE AND UN VOLUNTEERS PROGRAM

REF: A) STATE 173754; B) PARIS 23349; C) GENEVA 4926; D) BONN 13575

1. WHITE AND BROWN (EMBASSY OFFICER) MET WITH LE BRETON  
(9/20) FOR FOLLOW-UP DISCUSSIONS SUBJECT MERGER. PRINCIPAL  
OBJECTIVES CITED BY LE BRETON WERE ANTICIPATED LOSS OF RECRUITING  
MECHANISM CURRENTLY OPERATED BY ISVS, THE SUBMERGING OF  
ISVS IN UN BUREAUCY, AND "DISRUPTION OF BALANCE" IN  
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEER ACTIVITIES WHICH CURRENTLY EXISTS  
DUE PRESENCE TWO ORGANIZATIONS. WHITE EXPLAINED THAT  
PROPERLY CONSTITUTED TASK FORCE COULD GREATLY REDUCE RISK OF  
DISAPPEARANCE UNIQUE ISVS ACTIVITIES AND THAT ADVISORY  
BOARD MADE UP OF PRESENT COUNCIL MEMBERSHIP COULD SERVE  
TO MAINTAIN ON-GOING EXCHANGE BETWEEN LDC'S AND DEVELOPED  
COUNTRIES AND KEEP MERGED ORGANIZATION HONEST. WHITE ALSO  
INFORMED LEBRETON OF U.S. INTENTION REDUCE CONTRIBUTION  
TO ISVS IN FY 75 AND POINTED OUT POSSIBLE NEGATIVE REACTIONS IN  
TERMS OF REDUCED SUPPORT BY OTHER MEMBER DONORS THEREBY  
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WEAKENING BARGAINING POSITION ISVS SHOULD MERGER BE DELAYED.

LE BRETON CONCEDED THIS LIKELY TO HAPPEN. HE AGREED TO TAKE MATTER UP WITH APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS HIS GOVERNMENT AND INDICATE RESPONSE ASAP. HE FURTHER AGREED SHOULD GOF DECIDE TO SUPPORT U.S. EFFORT THEY WOULD CONTACT LDC'S THROUGH FRENCH EMBASSIES IN EFFORT GAIN THEIR SUPPORT.

2. GOF PLANS NO INCREASE BEYOND CURRENT PLEDGED SUPPORT ISVS CONTRARY TO EXPRESSED BELIEF OF SEC-GEN (REFTEL C) WHO INCIDENTALLY PAID CALL ON LE BRETON EARLIER IN WEEK.

3. FRENCH NOT UNEXPECTEDLY OPPOSED TO REMOVAL UNV HEADQUARTERS FROM GENEVA. THEY NON-COMMITTAL ON SADRY REPLACEMENT BU MAY BE INCLINED TO SUPPORT CANADIDACY OF CURRENT ISVS SEC-GEN FOR POST.

4. GOF POSITION HAS INDEED SHIFTED (REFTEL C) ON ISSUE OF REPLACEMENT DEPUTY SEC-GEN. LE BRETON STATED FRENCH NOT REQUESTING FILLING OF POSITION WHEN IT VACATED AND THAT THEETEN BEING OFFERED ALTERNATE POSITION WITH SECRETARIAT IN GENEVA WHICH FRENCH UNDER-WRITING. THIS MEANS OF COURSE THAT DIRECTOR'S SLOT IN AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE NOW WITHOUT FINANCIAL SUPPORT.

5. LE BRETON PLANS ATTEND INFORMAL MEETING GENEVA PRIOR COMMENCEMENT COUNCIL SESSION.

6. FOR THE HAGUE: PLEASE ADVISE ERATH, OR IF OUT OF COUNTRY, BDON GHIJBEN OF SUBSTANCE FRENCH REPOSE PER PROMISE BY WHITE (REFTEL D).BASSIN

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